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**Prayer in the
Statehouse**

I was proud to co-author a resolution during the 2006 session supporting prayer in the Statehouse.

The ruling that banned using the name "Jesus Christ" in prayers before session has been appealed and we should hear a decision soon.

I hope and pray for a favorable ruling to bring free expression of religion back to the Statehouse.

Alternative Energy Fuels Indiana's Economy

Indiana is leading the nation in biofuels

The General Assembly has passed several alternative fuel incentives in recent legislative sessions that have placed Indiana at the top of the biofuels industry.

I am proud to have supported this legislation and co-authored two of the bills that have made this possible.

Ethanol and biodiesel burn cleaner, reduce the state's dependence on foreign sources of energy and increase economic opportunities for our state.

Ethanol and biodiesel production have a very positive impact on Indiana farmers. Indiana is the fifth largest state for corn production and fourth largest in soybeans. These are the two key dynamics associated with ethanol/biodiesel production.

Currently, Indiana sends almost 50 percent of corn and soybean productions out of state with no values added, which is the least profitable form of sale for farmers.

It is estimated that farmers contracting with ethanol or biodiesel plants will gain an incremental 15 cents to 20 cents per bushel.

Indiana has 15 ethanol plants announced or under construction, which will produce 840 million gallons of ethanol.

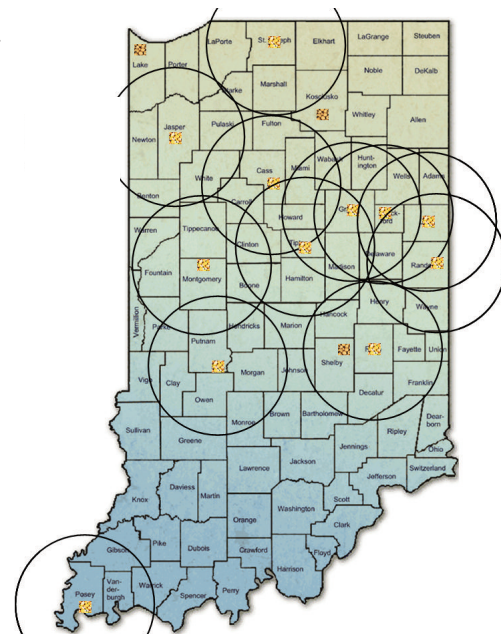
The new ethanol and biodiesel plants will put an estimated \$17.5 million into Hoosier farmers' pockets while investing more than

\$1.27 billion in capital expenses. the by-products from these processes also create many new manufacturing opportunities.

Indiana also boasts dozens of new fueling stations. There are more than 50 biodiesel pumps and 40 E-85 pumps across the state.

With this amazing progress in such a short time, I am very encouraged that these proposals can take us even further.

I am very proud that Indiana is a national leader in alternative fuels.



This map shows biodiesel and ethanol facilities around the state. Indiana has become a leader in alternative energy.



INFO & NEWS

from the

Indiana Senate



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Serving District 39 in Sullivan, Knox, Greene, Clay, Owen & Vigo Counties



Sen. Waterman studies a bill during a committee hearing. Waterman serves on the following standing committees: Agriculture and Small Business; Criminal and Civil Procedures and Public Policy; Governmental Affairs and Interstate Cooperation; and Natural Resources.

Did You Know...?
... that on June 30, 2006, the state officially overcame a \$600 million deficit and closed its books for the fiscal year with a balanced budget for the first time in a decade?
... that the money from Major Moves has earned over \$37 million in interest as of September 14th?

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Job Creation Legislation Proves Successful

Although the last two legislative sessions have been filled with substantial changes to the way Indiana does business, a priority in the Senate has been job creation. In 2005, the General Assembly sped up and streamlined the creation of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), created tax breaks for research and development, passed a shovel-ready site development plan and expanded existing tax credits. The result: 85,000 more Hoosiers are working than in January 2005 and unemployment is at a low 4.9 percent.

More jobs are on the way. Recent job announcements include:

- **Honda announcing a \$550 million plant that will employ 2,000 people in Greensburg (the plant will have capacity for 4,000 employees)**
- **American Commercial Lines agreeing to create 1,100 jobs in Jeffersonville**
- **Pfizer deciding to create 450 jobs in Terre Haute**
- **American General Financial Services expanding its corporate headquarters to create 150 new jobs in Evansville**
- **TolTest in Odon has increased their operations and now employs 100 people.**

Vigo County—Companies such as Pfizer Inc., Danisco Sweeteners, Boral Brick, Aisin Brake and Chassis, ThyssenKrupp Presta, Staples Distribution, CSN, Scheid Diesel, CertainTeed and others have invested nearly \$300 million and created nearly 1,000 jobs.

Daviess County—Companies such as Destination Y, BW Services, Dutch Pantry LLC, Raydar, Inc., Olon Industries, Rx Rail, Inc. (JT Express), Kokam America, Inc. and others have invested over \$6.7 million and created 226 new jobs. TolTest has increased their operations and now employs 100 people.

Greene County—Companies such as Metal Technologies, Cornflower Producer, Kokam America and others have invested \$32.7 million and created 127 new jobs.

Knox County—Companies such as Advance Micro Electronics, Futaba, IN, Wabash Steel, Schatt Ceran, Inc., Kokosing Construction and others have invested \$23.7 million and created 246 new jobs.

Sullivan County—Companies such as Raytech Corp. and others have invested \$15.3 million and created 74 new jobs. AAC Plant Midwest is still considering investing in Sullivan County.

Owen County—Boston Scientific has invested \$8.9 million and created 23 new jobs.

TOTAL: Over \$380 million in investment and more than 1460 new jobs in SD 39.

MAJOR MOVES MEANS MAJOR MONEY

Southern Indiana to benefit from lease of Toll Road

On June 28, Indiana closed a lease with Statewide Mobility Partners, which will operate the Indiana Toll Road in exchange for **\$3.8 billion**. That money has been deposited and is currently earning interest at a rate of about **\$500,000 every day**. For an up-to-the-second look at how much interest has been accrued, visit www.in.gov/tos/MajorMoves.htm



- **Sullivan County—\$1,174,800**
- **Clay County—\$ 1,031,200**
- **Owen County—\$ 855,400**
- **Greene County—\$ 1,301,300**
- **Vigo County—\$2,231,800**
- **Knox County—\$ 1,491,400**

All of this money will go toward improving infrastructure in the state of Indiana, and District 39 will see millions of dollars in road improvements in the coming years. In addition to the local projects planned by the Indiana Department of Transportation, the legislature also

approved \$150 million in payments to local governments to be used as they see fit.

Here is a breakdown of what the counties in District 39 will receive over just two years:

As you can see, Major Moves will generate a significant amount of money for our area that will promote economic development and improve the quality of life. I look forward to seeing a lot more orange construction barrels on the streets I represent in the coming years.

Taking Advantage of our Natural Resources Clean Coal Technology Creating Jobs in Our Area

Besides beautiful countryside and being a great place to live and raise a family, our area is naturally blessed with coal. As many of you know, southwest Indiana is the center of coal mining in Indiana. I have worked for years to pass legislation advancing clean coal technology that would revitalize our coal industry.

I'm excited to say that, after years of diligence, our efforts have paid off. I am proud to have been co-author of the bill that made this possible.

Duke Energy Indiana and Vectren Energy Indiana recently announced that they will construct a coal gasification plant in Knox County at a cost of more than \$1 billion. This investment will raise demand for coal thus strengthening the mining and construc-

tion industries in our area. In addition, this could attract spin-off businesses such as brick, petroleum-based products and others that can use gasification by-products.

This project would employ an average of 800 to 900 construction workers for a 3-year period. When the plant opens, it will employ approximately 100 people. Most of all, however, the plant will re-open mines and related businesses in our area creating hundreds or even thousands more jobs.

The governor called this a "critical first" step in his Hoosier Hometown energy plan. This step will capitalize on the natural resources of our area and help revive our economy. I'm glad that southwest Indiana could provide that first step and reap the benefits.



Sen. Waterman discusses an issue with Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman, Sen. Bob Meeks (R-LaGrange).

Defending the Right to Bear Arms

New laws protect rights of law-abiding citizens

"The people shall have a right to bear arms, for the defense of themselves and the State."

Article 1, Section 32 of the Indiana Constitution grants us the freedom to own firearms and store them in our homes. I have always been a firm supporter of our 2nd Amendment rights and

ple who have had such a license all of their adult life. There aren't too many unchanging things in our lives, but one of those is our fingerprints. The state finally acknowledged that licensed gun owners are law abiding citizens who should not be forced through this arbitrary and cumbersome process every four years.

The Indiana State Police issues about 80,000 gun permits per year; this measure will reduce that number and make the process much more efficient. Safety is still a top priority and law enforcement officers will continue to revoke licenses as necessary.

These small, sensible changes are a great improvement of the current system and make the licensing procedure much more efficient.

In addition, the Legislature added to statute something that is already widely accepted as case law. The "Stand Your Ground" law does basically three things to protect those who are protecting themselves.

It establishes the presumption that a criminal who forcibly enters or intrudes into your home or occupied vehicle is there to cause death or great bodily harm; therefore a person may use

any manner of force, including deadly force, against that person.

It removes the "duty to retreat" if you are attacked in any place you have a right to be. You no longer have to turn your back on a criminal and try to run when attacked. Instead, you may stand your ground and fight back, meeting force with force, including deadly force, if you reasonably believe it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm to yourself or others.

It provides that persons using force authorized by law shall not be prosecuted for using such force. It also prohibits criminals and their families from suing victims for injuring or killing the criminals who have attacked them. In short, it gives rights back to law-abiding people.

We felt it necessary to add these statutes to make the law in such situations perfectly clear—Hoosiers have the right to defend themselves and their families.

I am pleased we were able to accomplish these things in defense of our Constitution and for Hoosier gun owners.

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would like to tell you about two new laws that protect law-abiding gun owners.

The General Assembly passed legislation this year to simplify the handgun licensing process. Previously, everyone with a handgun license was required to have their permit updated and be fingerprinted every four years — even peo-